

**REMARKS**

After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-4 and 6-12 will be pending in this application. The Examiner indicated that claims 5-8 contain allowable subject matter, and would be allowable if claim 5 is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. See Office Action at p.6). Instead, claim 1 has been amended herein to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 5. Further, claim 5 has been cancelled and claims 6-8 have been amended to directly depend from claim 1. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks.

**Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103**

1. Claims 1-2 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Noriaki, et al. (JP 10-271490) (“Noriaki”), in view of Noso (JP 3-99952) (“Noso”). Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Noriaki and Noso in further view of Choi (U.S. Patent No. 5,121,200). Claim 1 has been amended to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 5. Accordingly, Applicants submit that amended independent claim 1, as well as the claims directly or indirectly dependent therefrom, is patentably distinct from the cited references. Therefore, Applicants request withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

2. Claims 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Noriaki and Noso in further view of Atsushi (JP 11-016097). Claims 9-11 depend from

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independent claim 1, which has been amended to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 5.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 9-11 are patentably distinct from the cited references.

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### CONCLUSION

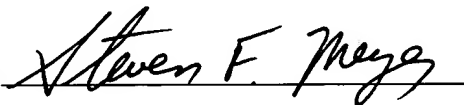
It is now believed that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. In view of these remarks, an early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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